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Public Invited To Review Plans For Point Sur State Historic Park

MONTEREY – California State Parks invites the public to join in the planning process for Point Sur State Historic Park by attending a second public meeting on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 PM. at #5 Lower Ragsdale in Ryan Ranch Business Park off Highway 68 in Monterey.

Three alternative concepts have been prepared for public consideration. The Department's general planning team will present the various alternatives being evaluated, and facilitate a workshop or discussion on how these alternatives would meet planning objectives and satisfy the public's interests that were expressed at the first meeting in January.

The general plan process will continue, with a Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR available for public review in the summer of 2003. The final plan, when adopted by the State Park and Recreation Commission, will become the guiding document for the park's future development, resource management and public use.

Pt. Sur State Historic Park was established with the lighthouse complex located on the prominent "rock" visible from Highway 1 north of Andrew Molera State Park. The lighthouse complex is listed on both the State and National Register of Historic Places. The recent addition of the Point Sur Naval Facility, which was decommissioned in 1984 after 27 years of operation, necessitates the preparation of a general plan.

The former Navy facility represents the "Cold War" era of U.S. history. Since deactivation, the facility has received little maintenance, however, some of the buildings are used by State Parks for storage and maintenance purposes, and state personnel occupy a few of the housing units.

The rocky cliffs and sandy beaches around the "rock" offer a natural resource element that contains sensitive habitats with federally protected plant and animal species.

For additional information contact the State Park's Central Service Center in Monterey at (831) 657-6300. State Parks also maintains a website at www.parks.ca.gov with information on other statewide general planning efforts.

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